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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO JUAN CARLOS

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PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRINCE JUAN CARLOS
FROM THE PRESIDENT:

"YOUR MAJESTY: THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOIN ME IN EXTENDING
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
AS YOU COMMENCE YOUR REIGN. THE CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE US ARE IMPORTANT
TO BOTH OUR PEOPLES. MY COUNTRY OWES A GREAT DEAL TO ITS
SPANISH HERITAGE, A HERITAGE THAT HAS KEPT ITS VITALITY
IN OUR CULTURE TODAY.

THE PROFOUND WISH OF THE PEOPLE OF THE US IS THAT THE
SPANISH PEOPLE AND THE SPANISH NATION, AS THEY ENTER
A NEW ERA UNDER YOUR REIGN, WILL ENJOY PEACE
AND PROSPERITY UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE
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THAT REPRESENT THE COMMON BONDS AMONG THE WESTERN COMMUNITY

OF NATIONS. BE ASSURED OF THE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF MY
COUNTRY IN THE YEARS TO COME. SINCERELY, SIGNED GERALD
FORD".

THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS
NO OBJECTIONS IF THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD DOES SO. KISSINGER

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